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## Connie Lindmeir Named Home-Based Business Advocate of the Year 2004

South Pass City – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Connie Lindmeir, Home-Based Business Advocate of the Year 2004.

This award is presented to an individual/organization that has engaged in entrepreneurial training, policy development efforts, or financial or business planning specifically tailored for home-based businesses; has demonstrated interest in home-based business and has measurable accomplishments in advancing home-based businesses, such as adoption of public policy or expansion of a program.

Connie Lindmeir operated CNL Clothiers out of her basement for many years sewing clothes for historical reenactments, museums around the United States, Historic State Parks and movies. She also developed a slicker with a special waterproof coating that was replicated from an original 1800's slicker. She sold this product worldwide.

At one point in her career, Connie obtained a large movie contract to provide almost all of the clothing. This contract required several skilled seamstresses. Connie provided a training to teach potential contract seamstresses how to construct the clothing needed for this movie, "Son of the Morning Star". Professionally and personally, Connie has worked with home based businesses in a variety of ways: finding skilled labor, identifying textile resources; identifying sewing businesses in the state and providing educational and sewing industry workshops.

For the last three or four years, Connie has been actively involved in the Wyoming Manufacturing Association. This is an association that assists manufacturing businesses through training workshops, lobbying and other issues that face manufacturers. Connie has volunteered many hours helping the association become established and serving as an officer. She travels the state to attend the meetings.

The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.